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REPORT ON METHODS FOR MAPLE PRODUCTS*

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The Associate Referee on Methods of Analysis repeated a collaborative study of the method for the determination of the conductivity value for maple sirups.

The modified method included changes in method of preparation of test sirup sample, control of temperature of test sample, calibration of conductivity bridge and special techniques in use of conductivity cell.

The conductivity values obtained by the collaborators using the modified procedure meet the accuracy and precision requirements of this measurement.

The Associate Referees on Maple Flavor and Microbiology did not submit reports this year due to the uncertainty of the continuation of their programs.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. The revised method for conductivity value be adopted official first action.
2. Work on methods for measuring maple flavor be continued.
3. Work on microbiology of maple sirup be continued.
4. Work on analytical methods for maple products be continued.

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